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l.	Diecel Locomotives	•	
	A total of 70 Diesel-type underground locomotives are used in the Czechoslovak iron ore mines (Zelezorudne Dane, NP). Forty of those are of an old design and have been in use for 15 years. All 70 are considered uneconomical to maintain, and there are no spare parts available. Home-produced spare parts are costly, inaccurate in design, and of poor quality. The greater part of these locomotives are consequently immobile. The gauges of these locomotives very between 400 and 600 km., and therefore they are not uniformly interchangeable between mines.		
	Pneumtic Drills		
	Out of a total of 1,100 parametric drills at present in use, some 5 percent lack water sprayers (attachments for keeping down dust while operating). Use of these drills without sprayers causes silicosis of the lungs, and some 30 percent of the scheduled manchifts are lost through this. Fear of this disease and the general lack of health presautions are greatly hindering further recruitment. Loss of output through silicosis is 15 to 20 percent (sic). A deputation of miners to Dr. Soltesz of Bratislava asked for 500 drills fitted with sprayers. They were promised 200, to be purchased from the USA at a cost of 100,000 dellars, but the Czech Government decided that this amount could not be spared.		
<b>3.</b> ]	Ball Bearings		
r	The ball-bearing situation in the nines is critical. The general management of the Czech nines has ordered all stocks of ball bearings held in mining maintenance stocks to be assembled at a contral dump for redistribution, leaving the mines with a minimum of essential reserves.		
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